

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
JANUARY 18, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, January 18, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, Hazel Terry, William Seal, and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Janet Henderson, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Venetria Moore, Ed Schneider, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the December 14, 1995, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Hazel Terry, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray shared with Board members a draft copy of a proposed model of Community and Junior Colleges' Concept for Regional Technology and Support Services. (Exhibit A)

Dr. Ray also announced that on January 26, 1996, Phi Theta Kappa will hold a ground breaking ceremony for their International Headquarters. This building will be located at the E & R Center on property adjacent to Eastover Drive. Dr. Ray urged all Board members to attend.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

January 29 - Stennis Space Center

February 8 - Mississippi Delta Community College, New Trustee Orientation

On a motion by George Walker and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February General Fund Disbursement for Aid to Colleges from Fund 2298, in the amount of \$6,049,058. (Exhibit B)

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 31, 1996, Education Enhancement Disbursement from Fund 4080, Fund 4110, and Fund 4301 in the total amount of \$5,549,884.41. (Exhibit C)

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution requesting that State Bond Commission issue technology bonds not to exceed \$23,500,000 to initially fund the establishment of a community/junior college network. (Exhibit D)

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve Procedures for Disbursements of S. B. 2945 Technology Bond funds. (Exhibit E)

On a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve awarding a bid for six (6) mobile classroom/labs to Magnolia State School Products, Inc., in the total amount of \$117,321. (Exhibit F)

On a motion by George Walker and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to re-approve the expenditure of \$10,000 for the SBCJC's share of a Senate Statewide Technology. (Exhibit G)

John Junkin presented for the Board's review Financial Statements on Funds 2291, 3291, 3292, and 4300. (Exhibit H) No action was required.

In other business, Deborah Gilbert distributed individualized statements to Board members on their per diem and travel expenses for calendar year 1995.

Workforce Education Report

George Walker distributed a report on the University of Southern Mississippi's Industrial Trainers Degree Program Budget. (Exhibit I) Upon Workforce Education Committee recommendation, a motion by John Junkin and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$76,509 in Workforce Education funds for start-up expenses of the program.

Mr. Walker also distributed a brochure on the upcoming 1996 Skills and Technology Conference to be held on February 28 and 29, 1996, at the Harvey Hotel in Jackson. All Board members are urged to attend.

Chairman Breazeale asked that staff prepare an informational report on Block Grants. The presentation will be scheduled for the Wednesday evening dinner meeting on February 14, 1996.

Health Care Committee

Hazel Terry reported to the Board on the Health Care Committee's study. Dr. Larry Day distributed to Board members a handout showing Health Care Committee efforts and outlined further efforts. (Exhibit J) When further surveys are received the Committee plans to enlist the aid of health care professionals in forums to research findings related to health care concerns.

***The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. All Board members went to the Basement of the Johnson Tower for a demonstration of the EdNet Interactive Classroom.

***The meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Rural Health Corps Grant Administration and Telecommunications Transfer

Dr. Olon Ray reported to Board members on efforts to reach an agreement on the transfer of the CCN from the Mississippi Community College Foundation to the SBCJC.

GED Report

Bill Box presented a report on 1995 GED testing activities and a report on the number of GED graduates enrolled in community and junior Colleges. (Exhibit K) Mr. Box also reported that the GED Testing Service will raise their minimum requirements for issuance of a GED Diploma on January 1, 1997. The current minimum requirement is a standard score of 40 on each test or an average of 45 on the battery of tests. The new requirement will be a score of 40 on each test and an average of 45 on the battery of tests.

Legislative Report

Bill Bunch presented a list of current legislation that affects the SBCJC. (Exhibit L) Mr. Bunch briefly covered bills listed on the report. He will update this report every Friday and a copy will be faxed or mailed to each SBCJC member.

Program Committee

Bill Bunch reported on the State Department of Vocational Education's request for course approval for Experiencing Technology at three pilot sites: Northeast Mississippi Community College, Holmes Community College, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. At a later time, this request will come to the Board for action.

Mr. Bunch reported on the approval of Certificate level options for Associate Degree level programs at Itawamba Community College in Diesel Equipment Technology, Drafting and Design Technology, and Industrial Electricity Technology.

Also approved was a curriculum option for telecommunications at Hinds Community College under an approved program in Electronics Technology at the Raymond Campus.

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale reported that EdNet has not met since the last SBCJC meeting.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Breazeale asked for requests for travel authorization reimbursements other than regularly stated Board meetings. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement for Perrin Purvis's attendance at a State Workforce Development Council meeting on December 18, 1995.

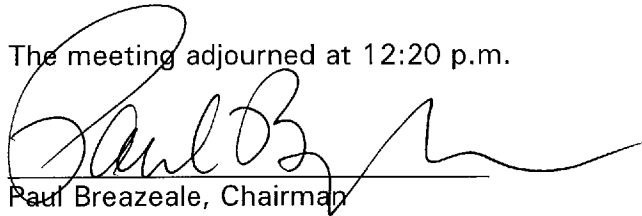
OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Chairman Breazeale reminded Board members of future SBCJC meeting dates, and the election of officers in March.

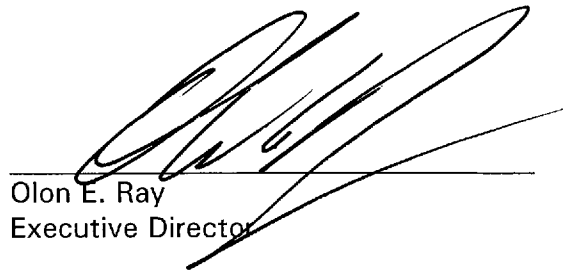
R. L. McClellan relayed a message from Dr. David Haraway, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges, inviting all Board members to attend the MACJC Legislative Appreciation Luncheon on February 6, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director